# Fort Lauderdale

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**CERT Offers Free Training In Emergency Preparedness** 



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## Mayor's Message

#### **City Commission**

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Commissioner
Tim Smith, District II

Commissioner Carlton B. Moore, District III

## Jim Naugle

## 2003 Emerges With Great Opportunities

The new year is shaping up quickly with commemoration and great new developments that I would like to share.

February is Black History Month. It is a month dedicated to reflecting on the history, literature and teachings of African-Americans.

Please join the City of Fort Lauderdale in observing the progress, richness and diversity of African-American culture and assist in paying special tribute to the leaders, achievements and contributions of African-Americans throughout our community, state and nation.

I encourage citizens to participate in the activities offered by your neighborhood parks, area schools, libraries and community centers. Broaden your knowledge and deepen your appreciation for a history and a people who have helped shape our nation. **State Of The City Address** 

On Monday, March 3, I and other City officials will deliver the Annual State of the City Address. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at the City's new Fire-Rescue Station and Administration Building, located at 528 N.W. 2nd St. Complimentary parking will be available for the event. As part of the address, I will review many of Fort Lauderdale's accomplishments during the past year and highlight projects, goals and opportunities which lie ahead for the City. The event also serves to recognize and thank the many active citizens and advisory board members whose leadership and input make Fort Lauderdale a great place to live and work. It is also an opportunity to meet other community leaders as well as learn about the many services, programs and developments that continue to shape our City. For more information about the event, please call (954) 828-4753.

#### **Community Redevelopment News**

Last year, the Northwest Progresso-Flagler-Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NPFCRA) conducted several groundbreakings introducing the start of new developments and infrastructure improvements. These residential, mixeduse and streetscape projects will have a positive impact on the City's aesthetics, quality of life and economy. The NPFCRA area is bounded by Sunrise Boulevard on the north, Broward Boulevard on the south, Federal Highway on the east (excluding the area of Andrews Avenue to Federal Highway between Broward Boulevard and NE 4th Street), NE 4th Street to US 1 and city limits on the west. More developments for affordable housing, mixed use developments and improvements are scheduled to break ground in the next few months. Look for updates in upcoming issues.

#### Fire-Rescue To Offer Spring CERT Class On April 23

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your home and community. What would



CERT student demonstrates fire suppression.

you do if basic services--water, gas, electricity or telephones-were cut off? Public safety professionals and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a free, seven-week course that provides residents with basic training in emergency preparedness, disaster survival, and rescue skills.

CERT graduates are assigned to teams throughout the City where they play an important role in community safety as well as with assisting Fire-Rescue personnel in the event of a major disaster. Learned skills will be invaluable to you, your family and your community

in the event of a major disaster. The next seven-week course is scheduled to begin April 23.

Topics covered include Disaster Preparation; Basic First Aid; Disaster Medical Operations; CERT Team Organization; Medical Scenarios and Mobilizing CERT Teams When Disaster Strikes; Search and Rescue Operations and Safety Precautions; and Basic Fire Suppression.

To register for the class or for more information, please call (954) 828-3616.

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us

# City Manager's Message



# Floyd T. Johnson Citizen Survey Results Are In

Citizen input is a vital component to measuring effective and efficient customer service. Residents serving on committees, and contributing to workshops, forums and meetings provide valuable input in the development of our City policies, services and procedures.

The City of Fort Lauderdale also utilizes citizen satisfaction surveys, a tool municipalities across the nation have just recently turned to as a way of measuring customer satisfaction levels. For the last seven years, these surveys have aided the City in determining citizen perceptions of the efficiency and effectiveness of processes, projects and outcomes. Ultimately, the surveys have helped improve customer service.

In November two surveys were conducted: The Seventh Annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey and the Public Services Customer Satisfaction Survey. A large sam-

ple of City residents was drawn to ensure significant input from each of the districts. Participants were reached by telephone. The results were compiled and presented to the Commission in January.

Here are some highlights:

The Public Services survey indicated that the satisfaction level of customer service continues to improve. Increased efforts in customer education by the distribution of the annual Water Quality Report Card to all customers and the continued replacement of old water mains have increased customer overall satisfaction levels in water quality.

The Seventh Annual Citizens Satisfaction Survey addressed four basic categories of questions: overall quality of life and service issues; specific City services; willingness to pay for services and concern for community issues. Results indicate continued overall satisfaction with City services, quality of life and responsiveness and professionalism. Code enforcement priorities reported were abandoned vehicles, homes in disrepair and bulk trash on swale. General satisfaction was reported with the City's approach to traffic-related neighborhood issues and ability to manage a disaster. Other highlights of the survey results indicate that over 73 percent of respondents were "Very Satisfied" with Emergency Medical Services versus an average 55 percent for the last five years. Also, 58 percent of respondents reported having met with their community police office vs. an average 20.6 percent reported over the last four years. Additionally, 14 percent more reported being "Very Satisfied" with Construction Services than last year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents who participated in these surveys. We value your input.

#### February 14 Deadline Nears For Community Appearance Awards

The February 14 deadline nears for the The 25th Annual Community Appearance Awards.

Property owners, civic groups, homeowner associations, contractors, builders and interested applicants who have beautified the City's physical appearance with a new construction or renovation project are welcome to apply. Presented each year by the City Commission and the Community Appearance Board, the Community Appearance Awards recognize projects that enhance our community's visual image and economic vitality. Applicants can submit new construction or renovation projects in a variety of categories that include institutional, parks and recreation, commercial, multifamily residential, single family residential, landscape/garden, special projects and retail.

Some eligibility requirements include:

\* Property must be located within the corporate city limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale and it must be visible from the

public thoroughfare.

- \* Projects must have been completed within the past two years.
- \* Owner of the property must authorize the submission of a project.

Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on May 8 at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale. Bronze plaques will be awarded to each category winner. For additional information or to become a sponsor for the awards program, please call **(954) 828-4741.** 

## Neighborhood **Recycling Efforts Rewarded With Nearly \$16,000**

Neighborhood recycling projects were at their highest in 2002 and for those civic and homeowner associations that spent the year promoting recycling, the City of Fort Thirteen neighborhoods were recognized to go toward neighborhood projects.

homeowner associations who promote recycling throughout their neighborhoods, at awarded to 13 neighborhoods in December.

To qualify, associations were required to be active members of the City's Recycle Corps, be represented at bimonthly Recycle Corps meetings and conduct a series of activities that promote recycling throughout the year. The neighborhood groups recognized for their recycling initiatives are South Middle River Civic Association, Lake Ridge Civic Association, Victoria Park Civic Association, Sunset Civic Association, Tarpon River Civic Association, River Oaks Civic Association, Croissant Park Civic Association, Lauderdale Manors Homeowners Association, Poinsettia Heights Civic Association, Coral Ridge Association, Coral Ridge Isles Association, Poinciana Park Civic Association, and The Landings Residential Association.

Recycle Corps members are representatives from various homeowner and civic groups whose goal is to increase recycling in their neighborhoods and in the City. Currently, there are 16 active neighborhoods. All neighborhoods are encouraged to join to take part in bimonthly meetings, learn about recycling opportunities in their communities and new programs and services.

"We are very excited as a neighborhood to have done such a tremendous job of recycling and promoting recycling," said JD Camp, Victoria Park Recycling Coordinator. "Our year round projects were for a great cause - our environment - and it got people involved in recycling and learning how to recycling properly. Id like to see us pass this on to our schools."

"This program is a win-win situation for everyone," said Casey Eckels, City of Fort Lauderdale Recycling Coordinator. "The homeowner/civic associations get money, the whole community gets more involved in recycling, the City saves on money on disposal, kids see grown-ups setting good examples, and adults see kids learning to manage and protect our natural resources. This program really makes a difference on many levels."

To become a Recycle Corps member, send a neighborhood representative to one of the upcoming meetings scheduled on March 31, May 16, July 28, September 22, and November 24; or contact Casey Eckels, Recycling Coordinator at (954) 828-5577.

Lauderdale rewarded them with a little cash at a Commission meeting recently with Recycling Incentive Grants. Recycle Established as an incentive for civic and Corps representatives from each neighborhood were present to accept the grants on the neighborhood's behalf.

community events and local schools, a total of \$15,732 in Recycling Incentive Grants were

#### Homestead **Exemption Express Coming To A Site Near You**

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will continue to conduct special taxpayer sign-up sessions for the 2003 Homestead and Senior Exemptions at Homeowners Association or Civic Association meetings.

The filing period for homestead exemption for 2002 runs through March 3, 2003. Various sites and opportunities have been scheduled for new homeowners to sign up.

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will set up a temporary Homestead Exemption sign-up at the following facilities: Feb. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., 8th floor cafeteria; Feb. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Community Center, 3351 NE 33rd St.

In addition, Deputy Appraisers are available to attend civic and homeowner association meetings to set up temporary locations that will assist new property owners with their property tax exemptions filings.

This is a great programming opportunity for your association to gain new members.

Property owners who moved in 2002 must re-file in person - the "Homestead Exemption" is not transferable. Qualified residents may be granted an additional senior homestead exemption for further tax savings. State law entitles qualified persons with disabilities, veterans and widows/widowers to additional tax savings. Please contact Bob Wolfe, Deputy Director of Community Services at (954) 445-5732 or at media@bcpa.net for information.

#### Fort Lauderdale Celebrates 75 years of Swimming

Fort Lauderdale's swimming heritage dates back to the grand opening of the Casino Pool on January 29, 1928.

As the first Olympic size pool (50m x 20m) in Florida, the Casino Pool remained at the forefront of the swimming scene for nearly half of a century and consequently witnessed a great deal of American swimming history.

The Casino Pool (1928-1966) was home to the nation's top swimmers for decades, including Katherine Rawls, Fort Lauderdale's first celebrity of sport and international athletic ambassador.

In 1965, Fort Lauderdale's Hall of Fame Swimming Pool opened its doors and has witnessed 10 world records while serving as host to hundreds of national and international meets. This year, as Fort Lauderdale celebrates a sparkling 75 years of swimming, watch for upcoming meets, special events, and news in future issues of this publication or on Fort Lauderdale online (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).

For information on public swimming hours, call (954) 828-5480.

# Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely At Free Event

A free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event has been scheduled for Sunday, April 13th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heliport Lot located at 101 N. Andrews Ave.

The event is open to all Broward County residents with proof of residency and there is no charge to drop off a variety of materials.

Acceptable HHW items include: pesticides, tires, gas cylinders, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, paints, thinners and strippers, automobile batteries, mercury and rechargeable batteries, used oil, lawn and pool chemicals, oven and drain cleaners, other household cleaners, propane tanks and fire extinguishers. Do not bring explosives, bio-hazardous/medical waste, and business-generated waste.

Acceptable electronics items include: televisions, computers, fax machines, printers, modems, telephones, cellular phones, copy machines. Do not bring audio equipment, appliances, DVDs, VCRs, toys and garbage.

Last year's event generated a total of 34,715 pounds of household hazardous waste and electronic materials dropped off by residents.

If you are unable to attend the special collection event on April 13, you are encourgaged to drop off items at no charge at one of the following collection sites open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Proof of residency will be required.

The drop-off sites are:

- \* Pompano (2780 N. Powerline Road),
- \* Hollywood (5601 W. Hallandale Beach Boulevard),
- \* Davie (5490 Reese Road).

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Special Collection event contact Monique Damiano, City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Specialist, at (954) 828-4743. For more information about Broward County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling programs please call the Hotline, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at (954) 765-4999, send an e-mail to recycle&recover@broward.org or visit the website at www.broward.org/oiwm.



#### Keep all items in their original containers.

- Do not mix products.
- Label and date products not in original containers.
- Label and date unknown items with a product category, such as pesticides or cleaning products.
- Make sure lids are tightly sealed.
- Put leaking products in a large plastic container, and use a nonflammable absorbent to pack around leaking products in the plastic containers.
- Wear protective gloves.
- Do not smoke or place products near sources of heat.

## Two City Dates Remain For Broward Tree Giveway Program

City of Fort Lauderdale property owners whose fruit trees were removed as a result of the Citrus Canker Eradication Program before November 30, 2000 will receive an invitation to one of two remaining tree-giveaway events.

The effort known as "Replant Broward Tree Giveaway" is an initiative lead by the Broward League of Cities and funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Broward County received \$2 million for the purchase of a variety of fruit and shade trees that will be distributed among municipalities.

The remaining City of Fort Lauderdale events will be held

- \* Saturday, February at Bass Park,
- 2750 NW 19th Street
- \* Saturday, April 19, at Croissant Park, 1800 SW 4th Ave.

Invitations and proof of residency within the corporate city limits of Fort Lauderdale must be presented in order to receive a free tree between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All other cit-

izens not possessing an invitation may attend between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., with proof of residency.

At each event approximately 3,000 to 5,000 fruit and shade trees will be available for property owners to choose. Educational booths will provide literature on choosing and planting the right tree. Volunteers are needed for these days.

Please call the Broward League of Cities at (954) 436-7579 if you are physically unable to plant your tree. The City of Fort Lauderdale lost 10,280 citrus trees on 3,952 properties during the Citrus Canker Eradication Program.

Citrus canker affects all types of citrus, including oranges, sour oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, lemons and limes. Canker causes the citrus tree to continually decline in health and fruit production. Ultimately, the tree will produce no fruit at all.

For additional information, contact Gene Dempsey, Urban Forester, at **(954) 828-5785** or by email at **GeneD@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us**. To receive free online tree training, visit www.browardleague.org.

## **Batter Up!**

#### Baltimore Orioles Spring Training Swings Into Town In February

The Baltimore Orioles return in February for their 8th spring at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

Game tickets are currently on sale at the ballpark, with February practices open to the public at no charge beginning February 14. Box seats to Orioles home games are

## 2003 Spring Training Home Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<b>Opponent</b>	<u>Time</u>	
Feb. 28	Florida	1:05 p.m.	
March 1	NY Mets	1:05 p.m.	
March 4	Minnesota	1:05 p.m.	
March 5	Boston	1:05 p.m.	
March 7	Los Angeles	1:05 p.m.	
March 9	Florida	1:05 p.m.	
March 11	St. Louis	1:05 p.m.	
March 13	Cincinnati	1:05 p.m.	
March 15	Florida	1:05 p.m.	
March 17	NY Mets	1:05 p.m.	
March 21	Tampa Bay	1:05 p.m.	
March 23	Montreal	1:05 p.m.	
March 25	St. Louis	1:05 p.m.	
March 26	Florida	1:05 p.m.	

\$14. Reserved grandstand seats are \$10. General admission tickets sell for \$7 (adults) and \$3 (kids 14 and under). Senior Discount tickets are available for all weekday afternoon games and require advance purchase. On those dates, reserved grandstand seats for seniors (60 and over) are just \$5 and include a Starlite Diner triple play discount coupon. For information on season ticket packages, group sales and the

Orioles skybox, call the Orioles Spring Training line at (954) 776-1921.

New events this spring include a Seniors Run the Bases Day on Tuesday, March 25. Returning favorites include Sports Authority Little League

Day on Sunday, March 9, College Day on Saturday, March 15 and Kids Run the Bases on Wednesday, March 26 concluding the season. Sunday, March 23 is United Way Day. The Orioles are donating to the United Way of Broward County \$1 of each ticket sold and encourage your support of this charitable game date.

#### **Early Bird Breakfast**

They say the early bird gets the worm, but that won't be on our 2003 menu. Your \$15 ticket to the annual charity breakfast, co-hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Baltimore Orioles, includes a hot buffet breakfast, photo opportunity with the Orioles mascot and an on-field autograph session with Orioles players. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2003 from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. To order tickets, contact Orioles Spring Training at (954) 776-1921. Call now as attendance is limited.





# Mid-Season Programs At Croissant Park Offer Great Family Fun Ages at Croissant Park. Sign ups are available for a nominal fee. In some recreation

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation has a variety of programs and sports activities available for residents of all ages at Croissant Park. Sign ups are available for a nominal fee. In some recreation

programs, children of residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale may qualify for a Youth Enrichment Scholarship Program that reduces the fee. To qualify, applicants must provide proof that the child is in a reduced or free lunch program and proof of residency at time of registration. All fees are due and payable at the time of registration. Croissant Park is located at 245 W. Park Drive. For information on these or other events at Croissant Park, call (954) 468-1487.

#### Wee Fitness and Fun With Mom or Dad

Help your toddlers develop motor skills and hand and eye coordination in this activity-filled program. This is an indoor curriculum where moms or dads bring their tots to interact with others in the group. Activities are both fun and challenging and geared to toddlers between the ages of 2 and 4. The program runs March 11 - May 8 with no classes on April 15 and 17. Classes are held Monday and Thursday, 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost for the program is \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

#### Sunday Night Men's Basketball League

Enjoy a great heart healthy workout and blow off some steam in our climate-controlled mini-gym at the Sunday Night Men's Basketball League. Join as an individual or a team. Team members must be at least 18 years of age. Season runs February 16 and runs through April 6 on Sundays at the following times: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Teams); 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Corporations). Cost to join is \$25 for residents, \$35 for non residents or \$250 for an entire team.

#### After School Activity Zone Offers Kids Club

A variety of activities including sports, games, art and jewelry making, movies and videos, swimming and water games will be available for 4th and 5th graders. Activity Zone is open at Croissant Park Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Fee is \$20 per month for residents, and \$5 per month for Y.E.S. program participants.

#### Heat Up Your Winter With Youth Basketball

This six-week program runs February 18 through March 27. Boys and girls improve basketball skills and conditioning, learn teamwork and good sportsmanship with three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Participants are divided by age groups and practices take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following days: Mondays: 6-7 years old; Wednesday: 8-9 years old; Thursday: 10-11 years old. Fees are \$30 for residents; \$40 for non-residents and \$8 for Y.E.S. program participants.

## 13th Annual SunTrust **Sunday Jazz Brunch** Offers More To Do, See



On any given first Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., one can always find sun, fun, food and five stages of great music at the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch. This concert series takes place in Downtown Fort Lauderdale along Fort Lauderdale's most scenic backdrop - the New River.



In its 13th year, SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch takes place the first Sunday of each month along Riverwalk. Five stages of entertainment are along the banks of the New River beginning in

the courtyard of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at Esplanade Park, and continuing to Las Olas Riverfront just east of the railroad tracks. Admission and entertainment are



FREE! Each month, there is a theme, and this year's schedule will deliver more music, contests, prizes and activities for the family to enjoy. Ample parking is available for a fee at the City Parking Garage at SE 1st Avenue and SE 2nd Street and the Performing Arts Center Garage at SW 5th

Avenue and SW 2nd Street.

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is a success story built from a great relationship between the City of Fort Lauderdale and its title sponsor SunTrust Bank.

"This is our thirteenth year sponsoring the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch. We're delighted to help provide this excellent event for everyone in our community to enjoy," said Tom Kuntz, SunTrust Bank, South Florida, president, chairman and CEO.

Volunteer Fair

March 2 - Tribute To Ladies In Jazz

Esplanade Stage - Sheba and True Blue BCPA Stage - Noreen Downey Trio

Connie Hoffman Stage - Patti Wicks Trio

Rotary Gazebo - Tony & Gloria

Las Olas Riverfront Stage- Cheryl Fisher & Eric Allison

#### April 6 - Smooth Jazz

Esplanade Stage - Dennis Noday BCPA Stage - Eli' Nai'm Band

Kids Corps Connie Hoffman Stage - Llarry Marshal Trio Rotary Gazebo Stage - Rick Harris & Bob Hanni

Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Ben Champion Quintet

Featuring I Stand For Children

Showcasing

May 4 - Dixieland Jazz Theme Esplanade Stage - Riverside Dixieland Band BCPA Stage - Kats n' Jammers Connie Hoffman Stage - Dixie Dawgs Rotary Gazebo - Bourbon Street Jazz Band Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Frank Hubbell

Hot Alligator Gumbo Society Dixie Quartet

#### June 1- Rhythm & Blues

Esplanade Stage - Valerie Tyson BCPA Stage - The Ike & Val Woods Band Connie Hoffman - Nicole Henry Duo Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Irresistibles Trio

July 6 - Big Band/Patriotic

Esplanade Stage - Chuck Bergeron Ensemble BCPA Stage - Jazz by 2

Connie Hoffman Stage - Turk Mauro Quartet

Rotary Gazebo - Cous Cous

Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Pride Trio

Louis Armstrong Foundation

Showcasing August 3 - Tribute to Louis Armstrong Esplanade Stage - Jessie Jones Jr. Quartet BCPA Stage - Sally Townes & Bayou Jordan

Connie Hoffman Stage - Chris LaBera Rotary Gazebo - Mel Dancy

Las Olas Riverfront Stage- Leo Casino Players

September 7 - Latin/Salsa/Cuban Jazz

Esplanade Stage - Miguel Cruz BCPA Stage - Carlos Averoff

Connie Hoffman Stage - Rose Max Trio Rotary Gazebo - Nicholas Marks

Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Fullpower Trio

October 5 - Brazilian/Caribbean Jazz **Featuring** 

Kiddie Carnival Showcasing Viva

**Broward** 

Esplanade Stage - Ruffhouse BCPA Stage - Island Heat Connie Hoffman Stage - Irie Irie Rotary Gazebo - Randy Singer Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Marcello Coehlo

November 2 - Roots of Jazz/Blues

Esplanade Stage - Brenda Alford Ensemble BCPA Stage - Vibrations Jazz Ensemble Connie Hoffman Stage - Kenny Seabrook Quintet

Rotary Gazebo - Grits n' Gravy

Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Jumpstreet 88' Quintet

Showcasing Historic Sistrunk Festival Featuring The Roots of Culture Dance Ensemble

December 7 - Tribute to African Jazz Esplanade Stage - Bongo Village BCPA Stage - Mantra Connie Hoffman Stage - Donna McDonald & Bryan Murphy

Rotary Gazebo - Jim Seidel Las Olas Riverfront - Crupo Contreras

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his special section has been developed specifically for residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale to promote public awareness of the 2003 municipal elections. Below you will find information including primary and general election information, precinct locations and ballot information.

#### Offices Elected In Fort Lauderdale

The Mayor and four City Commissioners are the elected officials of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Mayor is elected atlarge and the City Commissioners are elected from each of the four districts. The three-year terms run concurrently, and all are up for election at the same time. All City elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis; that is, references to party affiliation are not permitted on any campaign literature and do not appear on the ballot. By City Charter, the primary election is held the second Tuesday in February and the general election is held the second Tuesday in March. For election information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002.

The new City Commission will officially take office on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, and will be sworn in at a special meeting ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. at City Hall, in the City Commission Chambers.

#### **Primary Election Information**

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The 2003 Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2003. This election is held if there are more than two candidates running for the same office. If such is the case and one candidate wins with a 50%

 $+\ 1$  vote, then he/she is automatically elected. Since more than two candidates are running for the Mayor, District 1 and District 2 seats, their names will appear on the ballot during the February 11 primary elections.

#### **General Election Information**

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The General/Runoff Election will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Provided no one candidate has received more than 50 % + 1 votes, then the top two candidates with the most votes running for Mayor, District 1 and

District 2 will appear on the general election ballot. In addition, the District 3 and District 4 seats will appear on this ballot since there are only two candidates for these seats.

#### If You Have Had A Change Of Address

Please remember to contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (954) 357-7050 to update any changes to your home address not reflected in your voters registration card. This will help to ensure their voter registration records are updated in time for our elections.

#### **About Absentee Ballots**

Any registered Broward County voter is entitled to cast an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be requested for a specific election or for all elections in the current calendar year. Following are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

How do I request an absentee ballot? Absentee ballots may be requested for a specific election or for all elections in the current calendar year. The request can be made in person, by mail, telephone or via the internet (www.browardsoe.org). The 24-hour Absentee Ballot Request Line at the Supervisor of Elections office is (954) 357-7055. ONLY the voter or a designated member of his/her immediate family or legal guardian can request an absentee ballot for the voter.

When will I receive my absentee ballot? Absentee ballots were scheduled to be available by the end of January. It is important to make sure the Supervisor of Elections office has your correct mailing address.

May I have someone pick up my absentee ballot? A voter may designate in writing another person to pick up an absentee ballot for the voter within four days of the election. The designee may only pick up two absentee ballots per election, other than his/her own, except for ballots picked up for members of his/her immediate family. The designee will be required to provide picture identification, the written authorization from the voter, and must complete an affidavit.

May I vote in person prior to election day? An absentee voter may vote in person at the Supervisor of Elections office during the two weeks prior to an election. Please call the Supervisor of Elections office at (954) 357-7050 to make certain that a copy of the ballot for your district will be available at the office location you wish to visit. The main Supervisor of Elections office is located at 115 South Andrews Ave., Room 102. The voter must present a photo identification with a signature or complete an affidavit.

How do I return my absentee ballot? Voted absentee ballots cannot be turned in at the polls. Your voted absentee ballot must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections main office by 7 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. The main office is located at the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 102, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 or by mail. If the voter personally delivers the ballot, he/she must present his/her own picture identification before the ballot will be accepted. If the voter is unable to mail or personally deliver the ballot, the voter may designate in writing a person to return the ballot. The designee must provide written authorization from the voter as well as present his/her own picture identification.

## February 11, 2003 Primary Election Ballot Information

FORT LAUDERDALE*		
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE)	Gene Ingles	<b>&gt;</b>
	Jim Naugle	<b>→</b>
	Tim Smith	<b>▶</b>

FORT LAUDERDALE*		
CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I (Vote for ONE)	Gloria F. Katz	<b>→</b>
	Christine Teel	-
	Thomas F. "Tom" Wilson	<b>&gt;</b>
	Don T. Winsett	<b>&gt;</b>

FORT LAUDERDALE*			
	Jon Albee	<b>&gt;</b>	
	James W. (Jim) DuVall	<b>→</b>	
CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT II (Vote for ONE)	Mark Ketcham	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Rocky Rodriguez	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Charlotte Rodstrom	-	
	Dean Trantalis	<b>&gt;</b>	

# March 11, 2003 General Election Ballot Information

FORT LAUDERDALE		
CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT III (Vote for ONE)	Leola McCoy	-
	Carlton B. Moore	>

FORT LAUDERDALE		
CITY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT IV (Vote for ONE)	Cindi Hutchinson	<b>&gt;</b>
	Nick Sakhnovsky	<b>→</b>

#### \* Note To Voters:

Voters are encouraged to attend both the Primary and General elections, on February 11, 2003 and March 11, 2003.

Primary elections are held if there are more than two candidates running for the same office. If such is the case, and one candidate receives a 50% + 1 vote, then he/she is automatically elected for that office. If no candidate emerges with over 50 percent of the votes for their seat, then the two candidates with the most votes will appear in the General Election ballot on March 11, 2003.

Since more than two candidates are running for the Mayor, District 1 and District 2 seats, their names will appear on the ballot during the February 11 elections.

District 3 and District 4 have two candidates running for each office and will only be featured on the March 11, 2003 ballot.

If you have any additional questions, regarding the general elections, please contact the City Clerks office at (954) 828-5002.

If you have questions or concerns regarding absentee ballots or a change of address, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at (954) 357-7050 or visit the Supervisor of Elections Office at Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 102

**Precinct Locations:** Your polling location is determined by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. A listing of all the precincts is provided. Please review your voter registration card to determine your designated voting precinct.

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DISTRICT	<b>PRECINCTS</b>	POLLING LOCATIONS
1	1R	CORAL RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5555 N FEDERAL HWY
1	2R	IMPERIAL POINT HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM, 6401 N FEDERAL HWY
1	3R	AGAPE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, 2099 W PROSPECT RD
1	4R	IMPERIAL POINT LIBRARY, 5985 N FEDERAL HWY
1	5R	CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, 3351 NE 33RD AVE
1	6R	GALT OCEAN MILE COUNTY LIBRARY, 3403 GALT OCEAN DR
1	7R	FLORANADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5250 NE 14TH WAY
1	8R	PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL ROOM, 1901 E COMMERCIAL BLVD
1	9R	CARDINAL GIBBONS HIGH SCHOOL, 4601 BAYVIEW DR
1	10R	IMPERIAL POINT HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM, 6401 N FEDERAL HWY
3	10K	DILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2330 NW 12TH CT
1	11R	CORAL RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5555 N FEDERAL HWY
1	12R	CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST, 4845 NE 25TH AVE
1	13R	IMPERIAL POINT LIBRARY, 5985 N FEDERAL HWY
1	14R	AGAPE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, 2099 W PROSPECT RD
1	15R	FIRE STATION #54, 3200 NE 32ND ST
1	16R	CORAL RIDGE MALL (MALL ENTRANCE), 3380 N FEDERAL HWY
1	17R	FIRE STATION #54, 3200 NE 32ND ST
4	18R	PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION #719, 2502 S ANDREWS AVE
1	20C	IMPERIAL POINT HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM, 6401 N FEDERAL HWY
1	20R	ELLIOT HALL, 1ST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2501 NE 30TH ST
2	21R	ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2500 NE 33RD AVE
2	22R	GALLERIA MALL COMMUNITY ROOM, 2414 E SUNRISE BLVD
1	23R	MAROONE CHEVROLET, 1300 N FEDERAL HWY
1, 2	24R	MAROONE CHEVROLET, 1300 N FEDERAL HWY
2	25R	CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, 3351 NE 33RD AVE
1	25Z	NORTH ANDREWS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 NE 56TH CT
2	25Z 26R	SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1750 NE 14TH ST
2	27R	HOLIDAY PARK SOCIAL CENTER, 1150 G HAROLD MARTIN DR
2	28R	SCHUBERT HOTEL, 855 NE 20TH AVE
2	29R	BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY FORT LAUDERDALE LIBRARY, 1300 E SUNRISE BLVD
4	30R	IRON WORKERS UNION #272, 1201 NE 7TH AVE
3	31Z	DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL, 2501 NW 11TH ST
2	31R	GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE, 1717 N
2	JIK	ANDREWS AVE
2	32R	CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, 501 NW 17TH ST
2, 3	32R 33R	WARFIELD PARK RECREATION CENTER, 1000 N ANDREWS AVE
3	34R	LAUDERDALE MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1400 NW 14TH CT
3	35R	LAUDERDALE MANOR CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 1518 NW 15TH AVE
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2	36R 37R	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD, 1300 NW 19TH CT FIRST CHURCH OF GOD, 1242 N ANDREWS AVE
3	37R 38R	DILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2330 NW 12TH CT
3	39R	YMCA LA LEE BRANCH, 408 NW 14TH TER
3		
	40R	FRANKLIN PARK, 2501 FRANKLIN DR
4	41R	STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM, 1800 SW 5TH PL
3	42R	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB (PARK/ENTER IN REAR), 3025 W BROWARD BLVD
4	43R	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 11 SW 11TH ST
4	44R	BETHEL FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD ANNEX, 251 SW 11TH AVE
2, 3	45R	INTL LONGSHOREMAN'S LOCAL #1526, 440 NW 6TH ST
2	46R	VIRGINIA YOUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 101 NE 11TH AVE
2	47R	IRON WORKERS UNION #272, 1201 NE 7TH AVE
2	48R	VIRGINIA YOUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 101 NE 11TH AVE
2, 4	49R	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 451 TARPON DR
2	50R	HALL OF FAME POOL, 1 HALL OF FAME DR. (TURN AT 501 SEABREEZE BLVD)
2	51R	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 451 TARPON DR  - Precincts continued
2, 4	52R	SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH PARISH HALL, 2000 SE 25TH AVE on page 11

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4	53R	SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH PARISH HALL, 2000 SE 25TH AVE
4	54R	PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION #719, 2502 S ANDREWS AVE
4	55R	PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION #719, 2502 S ANDREWS AVE
4	56R	BETHEL FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD ANNEX, 251 SW 11TH AVE
2	57R	IRON WORKERS UNION #272, 1201 NE 7TH AVE
	58R	BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, 1700 SW 14TH CT
4		
4	59R	CROISSANT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1800 SW 4TH AVE
4	60R	CROISSANT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1800 SW 4TH AVE
4	61R	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 201 SE 13TH ST
4	62R	PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION #719, 2502 S ANDREWS AVE
2	63R	ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2500 NE 33RD AVE
4	64R	SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, 1100 SW 21ST ST
3	65R	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1161 SW 30TH AVE
3	66R	MELROSE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 3810 SW 2ND CT
3, 4	67R	BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY RIVERLAND BRANCH, 2710 W DAVIE BLVD
3	68R	RIVERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2600 SW 11TH CT
3	69R	WESTWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2861 SW 9TH ST
1	71R	WILLOWWOOD ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 2855 W COMMERCIAL BLVD
3	72R	SUNSET SCHOOL, 3775 SW 16TH ST
1	73R	CALVARY CHAPEL, 2401 CYPRESS CREEK RD
2	74R	HOLIDAY PARK SOCIAL CENTER, 1150 G HAROLD MARTIN DR
4	75R	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH,201 SE 13TH ST
2	76R	FIRE STATION #49, 1015 SEABREEZE BLVD
2	78R	MILLS POND PARK, 2201 NW POWERLINE RD
2	79R	IRON WORKERS UNION #272, 1201 NE 7TH AVE
4	82R	SCHOOL BOARD SALIBOAT BEND COMPLEX, 1320 SW 4TH ST
4	83R	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 11 SW 11TH ST
4	84R	BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, 1700 SW 14TH CT
4	85R	BETHEL FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD ANNEX, 251 SW 11TH AVE
2, 4	87R	ELK'S LODGE, 712 NW 2ND ST
2	88R	HOLIDAY PARK SOCIAL CENTER, 1150 G HAROLD MARTIN DR
2	89R	IRON WORKERS UNION #272, 1201 NE 7TH AVE
2	90R	2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1400 N FEDERAL HWY
2	91R	2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1400 N FEDERAL HWY
4	92R	PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION #719, 2502 S ANDREWS AVE
4	93R	SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, 1100 SW 21ST ST
4	94R	CROISSANT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1800 SW 4TH AVE
4	95R	HAMPTON INN, 2301 SW 12TH AVE
4	96R	SCHOOL BOARD SAILBOAT BEND COMPLEX, 1320 SW 4TH ST
2, 4	97R	VIRGINIA YOUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 101 NE 11TH AVE
2, 4	98R	GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE,
2	7010	1717 N ANDREWS AVE
3	99R	DELEVOE PARK, 2520 NW 6TH ST
1	100R	NORTH ANDREWS GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 NE 56TH CT
1	101R	CALVARY CHAPEL, 2401 CYPRESS CREEK RD
1	101R 103R	CALVARY CHAPEL, 2401 CYPRESS CREEK RD
3	103R 104R	MELROSE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 3810 SW 2ND CT
3	104R 105R	MELROSE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 3810 SW 2ND CT
3	105R 106R	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1161 SW 30TH AVE
3	100K 107R	HENDERSON CLINIC, 330 SW 27TH AVE
3, 4	108R	ST AMBROSE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, 2250 SW 31ST AVE
3	109R	BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY RIVERLAND BRANCH, 2710 W DAVIE BLVD
3	110R	BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY RIVERLAND BRANCH, 2710 W DAVIE BLVD
1	112R	COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA-LOCAL 3104, 3121 W MCNAB RD
4	113R	ST AMBROSE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, 2250 SW 31ST AVE
4	114R	ST AMBROSE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, 2250 SW 31ST AVE
4	115R	STEPHEN FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 3471 SW 22ND ST
4	116R	LAUDERDALE ISLES YACHT CLUB, 2637 WHALE HARBOR LANE

## Inside FLPD

Fort Lauderdale Police Department



# Kids, Parents Learn To Escape Abduction

Screaming, kicking and biting isn't the type of behavior most parents encourage from their children, but during an abduction that's the one behavior that could save a child's life.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department is offering a child abduction prevention program called "Escape School." With the help of a special video and demonstrations, parents and children will learn to recognize and prevent such dangerous situations. The free program



At the first Escape School program held in the City of Fort Lauderdale, instructor Cheryl Godbout demonstrates to the audience how a child can escape an abductor.

for children and parents, sponsored by Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes, will take

#### Some tips for keeping kids safe.

- Teach your children not to talk to strangers.
- Teach your child to run in the opposite direction of a moving car.
- If a child can't run away, he/she should windmill his arms in circles, making it harder for someone to grab hold of him/her.
- Children should also scream or shout. Shouting "fire" or "this is not my mom/dad," are most likely to attract attention.
- Parents should avoid clothing and toys with a child's name on it. Children are less likely to be cautious of someone who knows their name.
- If someone tries to grab your child when they are riding their bicycle, teach them to always keep the bicycle between them and the attacker. Teach them to never let go of the bicycle so that the abductor is challenged.

place on Thursday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the 1st floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. Please call (954) 828-6429 to register and for more information.

Escape School is a national safety education program created by Bob Stuber, a former police officer. The program teaches children 5 to 15 years old how to avoid being seized and how to escape if they are. The presentation also teaches parents what to do if an abduction occurs, to increase the chance for the safe return of their child.

More than 160 school children and their parents assembled at City Hall in December for the first program of its kind in the City.

Susan Israel, a mother of three and spouse to a police officer, explained the program's benefits.

"Escape School was very informative and the kids learned a lot from the demonstrations. The world is such a busy place today that parents probably don't have the opportunity to teach their kids about the techniques of staying safe and staying away from a bad person. My husband is a police officer and fortunately my children do hear about it everyday, but we learned some new things. This program provides a great service."

#### **Programs & Services**

## **License Theft Prevention Tools Available At No Cost**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department continues to conduct the License Plate Theft Prevention Program, Monday through Friday, 8 am. to 4 p.m. While supplies last, the Police Department is distributing special screws that are created to prevent the theft of license plates. The screws are affixed with a regular screwdriver, but can only be removed with a special tool held by the Police Department. There is no charge to residents. License theft prevention tools are available at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Community Support Division, 533 N.E. 13th St. For more information, call 954-828-6400.

## Know Your Rights As a Landlord or Tenant

Landlord/Tenant Training will be held on February 18 and March 19 at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Community Support Division Training Room, 533 N.E. 13th St. Both sessions will run 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will cover such topics as keeping illegal activity out of your property, screening applicants, the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 8 Housing and more. Call (954) 828-6428 for more information and to register.

## Report All Graffiti Immediately To Maintain Quality Neighborhoods

The Anti-Graffiti Hotline, (954) 828-6402, allows residents to immediately call in information anonymously on taggers, also known as graffiti artists. Community Support Division Officers work collaboratively with the Public Works Department to follow-up on tips and eradicate graffiti.



# Bicycle Registration Is The Law In Fort Lauderdale

Got a bicycle this holiday season? Whether new or used, don't forget to register your bike.

For \$1 you can ensure that if your bicycle is stolen and found, the Police Department will be able to return it to you.

Bicycle registration can be obtained at the Community Support Division Center, located at 533 NE 13th St. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. You can also call (954) 828-4585 for an appointment to register at Snyder Park, 2800 S.W. 8th Ave., Wednesday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For additional information, call (954) 828-6400.

#### Community Police Academy Enrolling For Winter Class

Enrollment is currently underway for the 19th Community Police Academy scheduled February 19 - May 21, 2003.

This 14-week program is open to City residents, civic and government organizations.

The academy is designed to foster active partnership with the community by addressing a variety of operations in the department. In addition to the scheduled classes, an eight-hour ride along with patrol officers is available. For more information, please call (954) 828-6428.

Applications can be downloaded from the City of Fort Lauderdale website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/police/cpa.html).

# WaterWorks 2011 Pipe Assembly To Begin

Enhancements To Underground Utilities To Take Place Along Davie Boulevard and S.W. 4th Avenue

The City of Fort Lauderdale 's Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Program (*WaterWorks 2011*) continues to make progress.

As part of the SW 4th Avenue Force Main Replacement Project, the City will begin constructing the new wastewater force main in the southwest area of Fort Lauderdale during the first quarter of 2003.

The enhancements will take place along Davie Boulevard and S.W. 4th Avenue and will result in partial lane closures because of the need for pipe assembly, subsequent drilling and installation of the piping.

The City has made every effort to limit inconveniences to residents through these areas and has chosen to use a technique called horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The use of HDD allows installation of a pipeline with limited disturbance to the surrounding environment and will be used for installing a pipeline under the Tarpon River, Davie Boulevard, the New River and the approach to the 7th Avenue Bridge.

The first step in the HDD process is stringing the pipe together. The work began with the assembly of 850 feet of pipe in the Tarpon River area on two northbound lanes on S.W. 4th Avenue between S.W. 16th Street and



S.W. 12th Court in mid-January. While the work is in progress, the drill rig will be located on the north side of Davie Boulevard in the southbound lanes on SW 4th Avenue.

At S.W. 4th Avenue, the operation starts with connecting individual lengths of 40-foot pipe together to form one continuous length of pipe over 1600 feet with no joints to reduce the potential for leaks. The pipe will be laid along SW 4th Avenue and placed on elevated rollers over side streets and in other areas where traffic is required to pass. The process of pipe assembly, drilling and installation along S.W. 4th Avenue will cause closures of three lanes of traffic from N.W. 9th Avenue to the bridge. The use of HDD in this area allows for installation of the pipe without disruption to navigation and without adversely affecting the river environment. Every effort will be made to ensure that one lane of traffic is open at all times in either direction while the work is being performed.

Look for signs in and around construction areas and updates in this publication and online (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/public\_services/waterworks/waterworks.htm). For additional information on the S.W. 4th Avenue Force Main Replacement Project, please call the *WaterWorks 2011* office at (954) 522-2604.

WaterWorks 2011 is a program that includes approximately \$555 million in public utilities infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrades to be constructed over the next 20 years. The bulk of this work (or about \$490 million worth) is programmed to be completed by 2011, the City's 100 year anniversary.

WaterWorks 2011 represents a major capital investment in public utilities infrastructure in order to continue to improve the high quality and reliability of the drinking water provided to City residents. The program also insures that the wastewater collection and treatment system continues to meet the high standard of health and safety that residents in the City of Fort Lauderdale enjoy and expect.

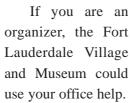
# Old Fort Lauderdale Village & Museum Seeks Volunteers

Calling all Fort Lauderdale natives and newcomers, young and senior - the Old Fort Lauderdale Village and Museum is looking for volunteers to help with all types of tasks.

On the heels of an aggressive volunteer recruitment campaign, an orientation session will be held on February 15 at 10 a.m. at the New River Inn, 219 SW Second Avenue. There are all types of positions to volunteer for and all you need is a few hours. Parking is available

next to the King-Cromartie House and along S.W. Second Avenue.

If you are a history buff or just like to discover those quirky little tidbits that make Fort Lauderdale's history unique - then volunteer as a tour guide.



If photographs are your interest, then you can assist with research.

If you are a hands-on type of individual, then why not volunteer to help with landscaping or decorating for various holidays. The possibilities are endless for every

type of skill and desire. All volunteers will be asked to be a member of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. For more information, or to reserve your space, call Juliet Smart, Education Coordinator at (954) 463-4431, ext. 12.



Engineers from Task Environmental conduct USEPA-required quarterly testing of Wingate Landfill groundwater as part of the 30-year monitoring and maintenance of the site, which was cleaned up as of March 2002.

## Quarterly Tests Show Wingate Is Safe

Thirty year monitoring program begins at the site

The first round of samples collected after closure of the Wingate Landfill confirm that the site is safe. Surface and groundwater monitoring results show that contaminants at the site are below the levels established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"These monitoring results confirm what we have learned from previous sampling events. The Wingate Road site is not a source of health risks for our neighborhoods," said **Greg Kisela**, Assistant City Manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The 30-year monitoring program at the site and at nearby Rock Pit Lake includes sampling and testing of the groundwater on a quarterly basis for the first two years. The groundwater at the site is tested for over seventy substances, particularly volatile organic compounds, metals and inorganic compounds. In addition, surface water samples are taken from the wet retention area. Located on the southeast section of the site, the wet retention area is an eight-acre pond designed to collect rain and storm water.

Rock Pit Lake sediments, surface water and fish tissues are also sampled. The lake sediments are tested for five compounds, including dioxin. The surface water of the lake is tested for ten compounds, and the fish tissue tested for lead and dioxin. The vast majority of substances were not detected by sensitive test methods. Only one of seven samples of sediment deep beneath Rock Pit Lake was slightly above the cadmium target level. Under the direction of the USEPA, quarterly samplings at the site will continue as part of the ongoing post-cleanup monitoring program for the closed Wingate Road incinerator and landfill.



The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting a South CAP Community Forum on Thursday, February 6.

The forum will take place at the Morton Activity Center at Floyd Hull Stadium located at 2800 SW 8th Avenue. Area residents can review and comment on the 11 recommended goals developed by the South Area community before being presented to the City Commission. Over the past year, the South Area Community Leadership Committee, (CLC) worked with City staff to develop implementation proposals. Those goals are:

- Reduce Crime & Improve Public Safety
- Address Nuisance Abatement
- Revitalize South Area Corridors
- Improve Property Appearance to Promote Neighborhood Investment
- Preserve Neighborhood Integrity Through Compatible Land Use & Design
- Promote Historic Preservation
- Improve Drainage Systems

- Provide Transportation Choices for Residents
- Reduce Traffic Impacts on Residential Neighborhoods by Improving Mobility on Major Roads
- Enhance, Preserve, & Protect Waterways
- Create New & Enhance Existing Greenways, Parks, and Recreational Facilities

To receive more information or to reserve your space, please contact the Planning and Zoning Division at (954) 828-8980 or email at cap@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us.







# Town

#### Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club Open For Membership

Love to play cards? Then head for Holiday Park and start dealing. Masterpoint duplicate games are held daily at 12:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. Non-life masterpoint duplicate games are held Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. All levels of duplicate bridge lessons are also available. For more information on lessons or games, please call (954) 761-1577.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) operates the 200 bed Broward County Central Homeless Assistance Center/Huizenga Family Campus. The shelter is located at 920 NW 7th Ave. The Center has an active Volunteer

Program that runs seven days a week and needs just a few hours of your time. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen, clothing room and office areas and to provide baby-sitting and special events for families. Volunteers are also needed to teach one hour job readiness and job retention skills classes on weekends or afterwork hours, preparing applications and resumes, budgeting and interviewing. On weekends and evenings, licensed barbers and hair stylists are needed to give haircuts in the Center's Barber/Beauty Salon. Some landscaping maintenance throughout the grounds is also needed. Each year, over 1700 men, women and children become residents of the Center, starting on the long road towards reintegration to society. The Center provides counseling, employment assistance, primary and mental health care, food, shelter, clothing and child care to families and individuals. A special upcoming volunteer event is the annual Spring CleanUp Weekend on April 26-27. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donna Alexander, Manager of Volunteer Services at (954) 779-3990 ext. 105 or email (donnaja@bphi.org).

# Wednesdays Sizzle During After-Work Hours At Downtown Live

**Downtown Live** is Fort Lauderdale's newest after-work hot spot that will keep you out of rush hour traffic on Wednesday nights.

Enjoy chart-topping music performed by local and regional bands, local artists works, movies, sports, dance lessons and a host of other activities from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. along S.W. 2nd Street between S.W. 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

The Himmarshee restaurants and bars will feature weekly specials and offer their finest food and hospitality. For additional information about Downtown Live!, please call the Parks and Recreation City Festivals and Events Office at (954) 828-6620 or log on to www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals.

Ample parking is available at the Broward County Garage, at the corner of Brickell Avenue and SW 2nd Street, and Las Olas Park Place, at Las Olas Riverfront. Each garage offers a flat parking rate of \$5.

## Fiesta! Fort Lauderdale Offers New Hispanic Event At Riverwalk

The New Year brings a new event to the Riverwalk featuring the traditions and spirit of the diverse Hispanic community in Fort Lauderdale with *Fiesta! Fort Lauderdale*.

This free event, taking place the fourth Sunday of every month from noon to 4 p.m., will be held at Esplanade Park at S.W. 5th Avenue along Riverwalk. City parking is available and pets are welcome.

Fiesta! Fort Lauderdale will feature great Latin foods, including freshly brewed Cuban coffee and brunch specialties, original arts and crafts, business and charitable booths combined with live Latin jazz, dancing and a multitude of fun and educational activities. Local charities will benefit by participating, including the Light of the World Clinic,



the free healthcare clinic for the immigrant poor in Broward. For more information on participating in *Fiesta! Fort Lauderdale*, call (954) 527-5346 or visit www.fiestafortlauderdale.com.

# March 8 Set For Waterway Clean Up Day

Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) is once again encouraging Broward County residents, boaters,

environmental enthusiasts and businesses to support the 26th Annual Waterway Cleanup at 30 waterfront locations across the county on March 8, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Waterway Cleanup is an annual environmental project, started in 1977, that cleans trash and other debris from the shorelines and waters of Broward County's 300 miles of navigable canals and waterways. South Floridians, neighbor-

hood and comunity associations respond by showing up at the cleanup sites either by boats or on land to help remove the trash and debris from the water or shorelines. For information call the MIASF at 1-(800) BOAT-001, pick up an event flyer for a list of cleanup sites and come out on March 8, 2003 at 9 a.m. to register.

Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.

## Access To Flood Information, Protection At Your Fingertips

For most residents, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. While hurricane preparations are a vital part of our coastal concerns, it is important to consider adequate property protection from other natural disasters that occur year round.

The City of Fort Lauderdale enjoys the beauty of its waterways, but these waterways may also leave us vulnerable to many other types of natural disasters such as flooding. While the City of Fort Lauderdale has been spared the massive, prolonged flooding which has affected many other parts of the United States, the possibilities still exist. Because most of Fort Lauderdale is either surrounded by, or in close proximity to a variety of waterways, there is a strong possibility that your property may be in danger of flooding. Some examples of flooding in our area may include the overflow of coastal or inland waters; or the sudden and unusual accumulation of runoff or surface water due to heavy rainfall.

That is why it is important to know that **standard homeowners policies do not cover flood damage.** It is also important to know that protection is available.



You can contact your agent for flood insurance. If your agent does not write flood insurance or you don't have an agent, you may call the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) toll free number to obtain the name of an agent in your area

who does write flood insurance. The number is **1-888-FLOOD29** or **TDD# 1-800-427-5593**.

Federally-backed flood insurance is also available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) established by congress in 1968. At time of press, congress had not approved funds for the National Flood Insurance Program. Approval is expected soon.

The NFIP offers reasonably priced flood insurance to protect homeowners, business owners and renters. Municipalities, like the City of Fort Lauderdale, that participate in programs on flood safety and protection, can



The majority of the City of Fort Lauderdale is in close proximity to water. A heavy rainstorm can flood street corners.

pass on additional discounts on those federal-backed premiums.

Is your property at risk of incurring flood damage? If you are not certain, this is one piece of information that could prove to be devastating to your financial and home security should a flood occur and you are not adequately prepared.

#### **To Access Your Flood Zone Information**

The City maintains a floodplain map that can help you identify where your property lies in relation to the City s flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels.

The flood zone map is accessible by visiting the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. The Bureau can also be reached by calling (954) 828-5203 or (954) 828-3266.

Property owners can also access the flood zone from the City's website by following these steps:

- 1 log on to www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/GIS/index.htm,
- 2 select the "Create Maps and Queries" menu item,
- 3 select the "Parcel Information Reporter" hyperlink,
- 4 enter the property address in the form provided.

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